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THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by

the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are the following:

No.	Date	Name
5,476,458	12/1995	Glaug et al.
5,904,673	5/1999	Roe et al.

FOREIGN DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY
DE 198 13 334 A1	9/1999	Germany
WO 96/14815	5/1996	PCT
WO 99/20215	4/1999	PCT
GB 2 284 741	6/1995	United Kingdom

OTHER DOCUMENTS

1. International Search Report, PCT/US02/15014, mailed September 12, 2002.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

Applicants note that German Reference DE 198 13334A1 is not in English. Accordingly, Applicants have enclosed a copy of the International Search Report for PCT/US02/15014, which corresponds to the present application, in order to fulfill the requirement for a concise explanation of this reference.


This Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence

is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1), Applicant(s) hereby certify that each item of the information disclosed in this Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to filing of the present statement, as evidenced by the date of the enclosed search report.

Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

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